

With the pandemic requiring students to be remote from campus & restricting access to preschools, Jumpstart Simmons piloted a virtual program year! Our long-standing preschool partners in Jamaica Plain – ABCD JP Head Start and Nurtury Learning Lab – were willing to move forward with a pre-recorded content model.

As with every year, students committed to serving a 300 hours term of service with AmeriCorps, were placed in a team with their peers to serve a specific classroom, and were provided with training, reflection, and continual SCE staff support. This year, teams were tasked with working together to translate Jumpstart's session plans (designed for in-classroom interactions) into engaging video activities. Each week families received an activity newsletter with video readings and activities specifically created for their child's classroom. Families were provided a supply kit filled with materials to use during the recorded Jumpstart activities.

As a result of the continued pandemic, all members – regardless of their number of hours – were able to exit the program without penalty and with AmeriCorps benefits.



## By the Numbers...

- 30 AmeriCorps members enrolled
- 1016 videos created
- 165 hours of video content created
- 150 activity supply kits distributed to preschools & families
- 110 activity-filled newsletters distributed
- 126 children & families received videos
- 9 preschool classrooms served across 2 preschools in JP
- 5253.75 hours served
- 2 members reached 300 hours during the pandemic
- 33,035 dollars awarded to students in Segal Education Award scholarship
- 84,328 dollars granted to Simmons to operate Jumpstart on campus

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**According to Jumpstart's national post-service member survey, Simmons members rated these skills as stronger after serving with Jumpstart:**

- Problem-solving & communicating with adults
- Collaboration & team-work
- Time management
- Improvising in unexpected situations
- Understanding professional expectations
- Taking a leadership role
- Understanding & working with individuals from diverse backgrounds
- Working to address problems in the community

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## university service Award winners!



**Leila Pettibone**  
1<sup>st</sup> year member

**SCE Emerging Leader Award**

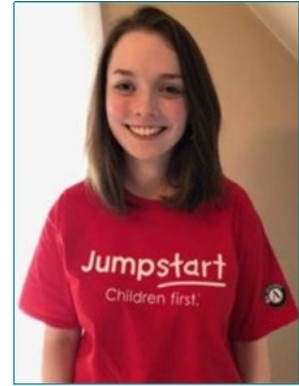
*This award recognizes a student who has made significant contributions to the community and lead by example early in their time at Simmons.*



**Laura Romano**  
4<sup>th</sup> year member

**Judith Botelho Commitment to Service Award**

*This honor is awarded to a student who exemplifies the commitment to community service that Judith Botelho demonstrated as a student and AmeriCorps VISTA during her six years at Simmons.*



**Allison Stacey**  
2<sup>nd</sup> year member

**Jennifer McKee Distinguished Student Service Award**

*This award recognizes a student whose work with the SCE has made a unique and lasting contribution while exhibiting traits of leadership, vision, determination, and a sense of purpose.*

### Activity Supply Kits



*“My service has shown me the beauty of community during a time where it is difficult to make new relationships. It has shown me that there are always people who will go the extra mile to inspire others and foster knowledge.” – 1<sup>st</sup> year member*

*“In this time where everything seems stagnant, Jumpstart is helping me move forward with not just my career goals but my personal ones as well.” – 2<sup>nd</sup> year member*